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TIMBER CUTTINGS, 1974 TOTAL AND JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1975

Sawlogs cut in Louisiana for the year 1974 totaled 1,177,887,000 board feet. This amount represents an increase of slightly more than 6 percent over the 1973 production and is almost 6 percent more than the previous five-year average. For the first two months of this year sawlog harvest is running 23.5 percent below last year and almost 27 percent below the previous five-year average.

The pulpwood cut of 3,697,000 cords in 1974 was 2.8 percent more than the 1973 harvest and 25.7 percent above the 1969-72 average. Pulpwood harvest through February of this year is down more than 7 percent from a year ago and 4 percent below the previous five-year average.

MARKET SUMMARY, FIRST QUARTER 1975

Market activity was slow for all types of wood-using industries during the first quarter of 1975. Many industry observers are doubtful that substantial improvement will come before the last quarter of this year or early 1976.

Stumpage prices paid for sawlogs averaged \$76.90 per thousand board feet. This represents a price decline of 4 percent from the previous quarter as compared with an average decline of 9 percent during the last 6 months of 1974. Oaks, gums and mixed hardwoods averaged unchanged to lower at stumpage.

Prices reported for poles were nominal and generally unchanged.

Pulpwood stumpage averaged \$6.25 and \$2.75 per cord for pine and hardwood respectively.

Wood Chips averaged \$10.40 per ton for pine and \$9.05 for hardwood F.O.B. sawmill.

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During the January-March quarter, the following U.S.D.A. Forest Service Sales for Kisatchie National Forest were reported:

SAWLOGS			PULPWOOD	
Specie	MBF 1/	Ave. Price Dollars/MBF	Cords	Ave. Price Dollars/Cord
Syp	11,697	66.97	24,266	6.03
Mx. Hdwd.	218	38.27	1,459	2.22

1/ Scribner-Decimal "C" Rule.

ERAGE PRICES PAID TO LOUISIANA TIMBER PRODUCERS BY TYPES OF INDUSTRIES, JANUARY-MARCH, 1975  
WITH COMPARISONS

Forest Service Sales are excluded from following reported prices

						<u>STATE AVERAGE</u>		
						Jan.-Mar. 1975	Previous Quarter	Same Period Year Ago
(A)	<u>Sawlogs (Stumpage)</u>	<u>Area 1 (Dollars)</u>	<u>Area 2 (Dollars)</u>	<u>Area 3 (Dollars)</u>	<u>Area 4 (Dollars)</u>	<u>Area 5 (Dollars)</u>	<u>(Dollars)</u>	<u>(Dollars)</u>
	Pine M.Bd.Ft.	75.10	86.80	78.25	66.07	<u>1/</u>	76.80	79.90 97.85
	Cypress "	35.00	51.20	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	34.00	39.75	40.05 40.35
	Oaks "	28.00	40.40	30.30	<u>1/</u>	33.00	32.90	34.45 <u>2/</u>
	Gums "	29.30	43.00	30.00	<u>1/</u>	35.00	34.45	37.70 <u>2/</u>
	Willow "	30.00	41.20	30.00	<u>1/</u>	33.00	34.20	34.45 32.25
	Ash "	32.50	59.20	31.65	<u>1/</u>	50.00	45.35	42.90 48.70
	Cottonwood "	32.50	46.20	31.65	<u>1/</u>	36.00	37.40	36.50 37.80
	Mixed Hardwoods"	29.65	45.20	30.15	<u>1/</u>	34.00	33.45	32.75 35.20
(B)	<u>Sawlogs (Delivered)</u>							
	Pine M.Bd.Ft.	108.35	117.60	114.10	103.00	<u>1/</u>	110.85	114.85 130.85
	Cypress "	<u>1/</u>	91.20	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	71.00	77.40	83.55 82.10
	Oaks "	66.65	79.05	67.85	<u>1/</u>	70.00	71.20	76.50 <u>2/</u>
	Gums "	72.15	82.70	73.35	<u>1/</u>	71.65	75.45	84.30 <u>2/</u>
	Willow "	71.65	82.75	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	70.00	74.20	79.10 77.35
	Ash "	75.00	97.75	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	84.15	85.40	85.75 93.60
	Cottonwood "	75.00	86.90	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	72.50	77.45	80.45 82.05
	Mixed Hardwoods"	70.00	86.10	71.65	<u>1/</u>	71.65	74.85	78.50 79.30

Poles, Barky (FOB Plant or Concentration Point) - Each -

30-Ft. Class	5	9.05	<u>1/</u>	9.20	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	9.00	9.30	9.10
"	6	7.35	<u>1/</u>	7.90	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	7.55	7.70	7.65
"	7	5.15	<u>1/</u>	6.10	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	5.70	5.45	5.90
35-Ft. Class	4	14.40	<u>1/</u>	14.60	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	14.45	14.50	14.50
"	5	12.40	<u>1/</u>	12.50	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	12.40	12.55	12.75
"	6	9.70	<u>1/</u>	10.30	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	10.00	10.05	10.15
"	7	7.65	<u>1/</u>	8.50	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	8.15	7.75	6.95
40-Ft. Class	2	28.90	<u>1/</u>	27.85	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	28.30	27.90	27.40
"	3	23.65	<u>1/</u>	24.10	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	23.85	24.30	23.75
"	4	18.90	<u>1/</u>	19.45	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	19.25	19.75	19.10
"	5	16.40	<u>1/</u>	16.70	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	16.60	16.90	16.50
"	6	12.95	<u>1/</u>	13.85	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	13.35	14.10	13.55
45-Ft. Class	2	35.20	<u>1/</u>	33.45	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	34.20	33.60	33.30
"	3	27.60	<u>1/</u>	29.05	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	28.30	27.95	27.60
"	4	23.10	<u>1/</u>	24.05	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	23.60	23.80	23.50
"	5	20.25	<u>1/</u>	21.05	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	20.70	20.85	21.50
50-Ft. Class	2	40.65	<u>1/</u>	38.55	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	39.45	39.05	37.10
"	3	34.65	<u>1/</u>	33.25	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	33.65	33.15	32.15
"	4	29.30	<u>1/</u>	28.85	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	29.05	28.40	28.00
55-Ft. Class	2	48.00	<u>1/</u>	46.00	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	46.85	46.35	42.45
"	3	41.15	<u>1/</u>	38.60	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	39.75	39.30	36.60
"	4	37.70	<u>1/</u>	34.30	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	35.75	35.05	32.25
60-Ft. Class	2	55.65	<u>1/</u>	54.50	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	55.00	54.70	49.95
"	3	48.10	<u>1/</u>	46.45	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	47.75	46.90	44.40
65-Ft. Class	2	63.50	<u>1/</u>	61.85	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	62.55	62.55	58.85
"	3	55.80	<u>1/</u>	54.10	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	54.85	54.65	51.85
70-Ft. Class	2	72.50	<u>1/</u>	70.75	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	71.50	73.00	67.35
"	3	65.50	<u>1/</u>	70.60	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	68.05	66.05	60.95
75-Ft. Class	2	84.55	<u>1/</u>	92.05	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	88.30	85.25	79.10
"	3	76.35	<u>1/</u>	81.90	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	79.15	77.10	71.15
80-Ft. Class	2	98.65	<u>1/</u>	106.60	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	102.65	98.90	92.45
"	3	85.30	<u>1/</u>	92.65	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	88.95	86.15	81.65

	STATE AVERAGE							
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Area 5	Jan.-Mar. 1975	Previous Quarter	Same Period Year Ago
Pulpwood, Per Cord:	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)	(Dollars)
Pine, Stumpage	6.65	5.85	6.45	4.70	<u>1/</u>	6.25	6.25	5.90
Pine, FOB Car	29.35	<u>1/</u>	28.00	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	28.70	29.05	27.70
Hardwood, Mixed Stumpage	2.65	2.85	2.85	2.70	<u>1/</u>	2.75	2.55	2.80
Hardwood, Mixed FOB Car	25.25	<u>1/</u>	24.95	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	25.20	25.30	<u>1/</u>

Insufficient number of quotes to report on area basis but included in Statewide average.

Not comparable.

Note: The Doyle log scale is basis for board feet measurement.

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Forest landowners with 500 acres or less of commercial timberlands can receive up to \$10,000 a year in federal cost-sharing assistance for tree planting and/or timber management work.

Under the 1975 Forestry Incentives Program, a wide spectrum of forestry practices are approved for cost-sharing. Landowners can receive forestry incentives funds without affecting their eligibility to receive cost-sharing assistance for other crops. Both annual and long-term forest management programs are offered.

Exceptions of the 500 acre ownership limitation are possible. For further information, contact: local offices of the U.S. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, your county agent, or the Louisiana Forestry Commission.

The above information provided thru the courtesy of the L.S.U. Extension Forestry Service.

